

# The Alaskan Way Viaduct & Seawall Replacement Program

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*Potential strategies include giving transit priority on downtown streets.*

## Moving Forward: Transit Enhancements and Capital Improvements

In 2007, WSDOT will start construction on the Alaskan Way Viaduct. Regardless of what alternative is chosen to replace the viaduct along the central waterfront, we can move forward to remove or repair about half of the viaduct in the south and north ends. By getting started now, we will improve driver safety on SR 99 and ensure that taxpayer dollars are being spent responsibly.

### What will be done?

Transit enhancement and capital improvements to our street system will play a major role in keeping people and goods moving during and after construction. We are developing a program of transportation and transit enhancements, and will be looking for feedback on which will be the most useful to the traveling public. As we learn more about how the north and south end projects will be constructed and the potential effects on traffic, our strategies will be refined. The final result will be a package of strategies

that work together to keep people moving, encourage people to get out of their cars when possible, and make long term investments to our transportation system. Here are a few strategies in development:

- Make water taxi service year round and expand service
- Designate freight routes
- Increase frequency of bus service
- Improve the city street system by fixing local bottlenecks, coordinating traffic signals, and removing on-street parking during peak travel periods

### Fact sheets are available on other projects, including:

- South End: South Holgate Street to South King Street Viaduct Replacement Project
- Electrical Lines Relocation
- North End: Lenora Street to Denny Way Safety Improvements Project
- Column Safety Repairs



*We'll work closely with local transit agencies to provide increased bus service.*



### For More Information:

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- Provide real-time traveler information through local media, Web sites, e-mail alerts, and cell phone notifications
- Build Spokane Street Loop Ramp to Fourth Avenue South (City project)
- Improve the Mercer Street Corridor (City project)

### Why are we pursuing this project?

The early projects in the north and south ends to improve driver safety will have effects on traffic, and we must be ready to start taking down the viaduct in 2012. We know commuters, transit, and freight depend on the viaduct to get to and through downtown. These transportation and transit enhancements are being designed so that we can keep people and goods moving during and after construction.



### What are the end results?

- Both drivers and transit users will have options for getting around during construction.
- In addition to keeping people moving during construction, we will be making long-term investments that will be useful after we start to take down the viaduct in 2012.

### What will construction be like?

As we finalize the list of transportation and transit enhancements, we will have a better sense of what improvements will be needed before work begins on the north and south end projects. We will let commuters, transit riders, and freight drivers know well in advance if closures are required. We will also provide access to programs that provide assistance to people so they can choose to take the bus or travel at different times to avoid congested areas during construction.

**Construction:**.....Ongoing

**Cost:**.....\$125 million

*One potential strategy is to maintain year-round water taxi service for West Seattle residents.*

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